

# CONTEXT CLUES

## EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

*“use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words”*

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

**When I meet a word I do not know, I look at the words around it.**

**The sentence and the sentences nearby can hold clues about what the word means.**

**When I find a meaning, I name the clue that helped me, so I can prove my answer.**

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

### Context Clues

from “A Visit to the Workshop”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Visit to the Workshop." We notice definitions, choose with contrast, show with examples, own with inference, and defend multiple meanings.

This deck teaches **context clues** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

**NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**



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## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## NOTICE

"I can notice a definition or restatement clue."

## EXACT TEKS WORDING

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## Notice the context clue.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the words that tell what the bold word means.

"Edison studied **electricity**, the energy that flows through wires and powers lights and machines."

**I CAN** | I can notice a definition or restatement clue that tells me what a word means.



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# CHOOSE

"I can choose a word's meaning from a contrast clue."

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## Choose the meaning.

Read the sentences. What does **efficient** mean? Use the contrast clue to decide.

"He wanted light that was **efficient**, not wasteful but lasting and affordable."

**A** extremely expensive • **B** working well without wasting time or materials • **C** difficult to understand

**I CAN** | I can choose a word's meaning when a contrast clue shows the opposite.



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# SHOW

"I can show how examples help me know what a word means."

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## Show what the clue does.

Read both sentences. What do the examples show that **progress** means?

**"Edison said, We are getting closer."**

**"His team was making **progress**. Each test brought a better result."**

**I CAN** | I can explain what examples show about a word's meaning.



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## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# OWN

"I can use sentences around a word to figure out its meaning."

### EXACT TEKS WORDING

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## Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

What does **adjusted** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

**"One man carefully **adjusted** a wire."**

**"He moved it slightly until the light became steady."**

**I CAN** | I can use sentences beyond the word's sentence to figure out its meaning.



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## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## DEFEND

"I can defend the meaning of a multiple-meaning word."

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## Defend the meaning.

The word **charge** has more than one meaning. Explain what charge means in each sentence and how you know.

"The battery needs to **charge** before it works."

**I CAN**

I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



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## Find a context clue on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one word you do not know. Copy the sentence, name the clue type, and write the meaning.

**Go back to the reading.**  
**Find one word you do not know.**  
**Copy the exact sentence. Then name the clue type**  
**and write what the word means.**

**I CAN** | I can find a word I do not know and use a context clue to figure out its meaning.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

**NOTICE electricity.** a form of energy used for power and light. The words near electricity restate its meaning.

**CHOOSE B.** working well without wasting time or materials. The contrast clue shows efficient means working well without wasting time or materials.

**SHOW progress.** forward movement toward a goal. The examples in the sentence show what progress means.

**OWN adjusted.** changed slightly to improve. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

**DEFEND** In the first sentence, charge means to fill with **electricity**. In the second sentence, charge means a cost or price. The words around each sentence prove which meaning fits.

**YOUR TURN** Student selects a word, copies the sentence, names the clue type, and writes the meaning.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

**“Edison studied electricity, the energy that flows through wires and powers lights and machines.”**

**What does the word *electricity* mean?**

**A** a form of energy used for power and light

**B** a type of fuel burned for heat

**C** the brightness of a candle flame

**D** a tool used to measure temperature



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The answer is A.

**a form of energy used for power and light** **Correct.**

- A** The passage says Edison studied electricity, the energy that flows through wi... so electricity means a form of energy used for power and light.

- B** **a type of fuel burned for heat**  
Electricity flows through wires. It is not a fuel that is burned.

- C** **the brightness of a candle flame**  
Candles produce light from fire, but electricity is energy flowing through wires.

- D** **a tool used to measure temperature**  
Electricity is a form of energy, not a measuring tool.

